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MATERIALS

Letter page

Introducing the letter Xx


10–15 minutes

Show the child the letter page for *x*. Tell the child that this is the letter *x* and that it says the letter name (/ex/) when it's at the beginning of a word and has the /ks/ sound when it's at the end of the word. Ask the child to trace the upper and lower-case letter on the page with his/her finger as he/she says the sound of the letter.

Picture cards

Spread the picture cards out on the table. Ask the child to group the pictures into words that either begin with the /ex/ sound or end with the /ks/ sound in one stack and those that don't in another.

 Game cards;
Game board;
Markers

Stack the game cards face down on the table. Have the child select a game card and read the word. If he/she can read the word, he/she can move up one step on the ladder. If he/she is not correct, then it is your turn.

Blend Words


5–8 minutes

 Letter cards:
b, o, x;
Workmat

Line up the letter cards *b*, *o*, and *x* under the row of three boxes on the workmat. Ask the child to move each letter into the box above it, starting on the left and saying the sound of the letter. When the letters are in the boxes, ask the child to blend the sounds together to say the word. Encourage the child to hold the /o/ sound for a full second (/b/ /ooo/ /ks/: *box*). Repeat several times.

 Letter cards:
f, i, x, s

Repeat the process with the letter cards *f*, *i*, and *x*. Encourage the child to hold the /i/ sound for a full second (/f/ /iii/ /ks/: *fix*). Ask the child what letters he/she needs to replace to spell the word *six*. Have the child take away the letter *f* and replace it with the letter *s*. Have the child blend the new word.

 Letter cards:
complete set

Ask the child to use the letter cards to make two- and three-letter words. Have the child make as many words as he/she can in a minute. After the child makes a word, have him/her read the word. Allow nonsense words as long as the child can sound them out.

 Flash card: *six*
Teach High-Frequency and Story Words


5–8 minutes

Show the child the new high-frequency word flash card: *six*. Read the word to the child while you hold up the card. Have the child look at the card and repeat the word. Then hold up the card, say the word, and spell it out loud, saying the letter names. As you spell the word, have the child repeat each letter name and write it in the air with his/her finger. Finally, ask the child to practice reading the word as you flash the card.

 Flash cards:
ever, seen, exit,
mittens, cabin

Show the child the story words one at a time: *ever, seen, mittens, exit, cabin*. Read each word and have the child repeat the word several times while looking at the card.

 Flash cards:
complete set

Add the rest of the high-frequency word flash cards to the stack and have the child practice reading all of the words several times.

Tutor Teaching Tips

Lesson 23: Xx • Part 2

MATERIALS

Letter page

Workmat;
Letter cards:
m, i, x

Flash cards

Practice sheet

Decodable book:
*Have You Seen
a Fox?*

Decodable book;
Take-home
practice sheet

Game cards;
Game board;
Markers

Review Part 1



5–10 minutes

If the second part of the lesson is done on different day, show the child the letter page and review the letter and its sound. Ask the child to say some words that start with the /ex/ sound or that end with the /ks/ sound.

Have the child line up the letters *m*, *i*, and *x* under the row of three boxes on the workmat. Have the child say each sound as he/she pushes each letter into the boxes. Then have the child say the word, holding each sound for a full second (/mmm/ /iii/ /ks/: *mix*).

Show the child the flash cards one at a time and have the child read each word. Repeat several times.

Decoding Practice



15–20 minutes

Point to the new words in row 1 of the practice sheet. Have the child run his/her finger under each letter as he/she blends the sounds in each word. Then have the child say the whole word. Repeat with the review words in row 2.

Have the child read the high-frequency words in rows 3 and 4 as quickly as he/she can, without sounding them out. If the child hesitates on a word, tell him/her the word and have him/her repeat it.

Have the child read the phrases in row 5 and the sentences in row 6, sounding out the decodable words and saying the high-frequency words quickly.

Have the child read the decodable book aloud. Ask the child to sound out decodable words by saying each sound and blending the sounds together. If he/she has difficulty sounding out the word, say the word slowly and have the child repeat it. Have the child read the high-frequency words and story words quickly, without sounding them out. If the child doesn't know a high-frequency or story word, tell him/her the word.

When the child has finished reading the book, ask the child to tell you what happened in the story. Ask the child to tell you what the boys, Tex and Max, were wondering about.

Home Connection

Encourage the child to take the book home to read with a family member or to practice reading the book on his/her own time. Tell the child that you will listen to him/her read the book the next time you are together. Have the child complete the take-home practice sheet with a family member.

Optional Activity

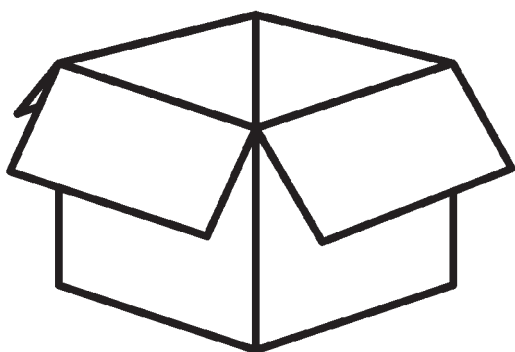
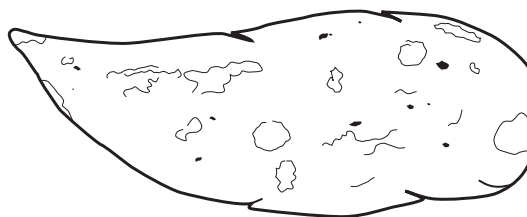
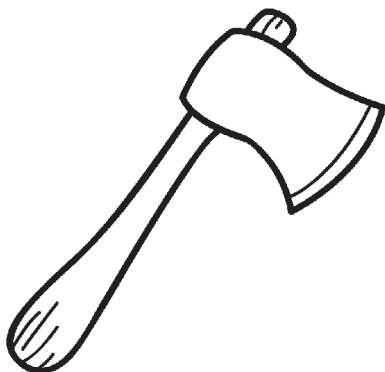
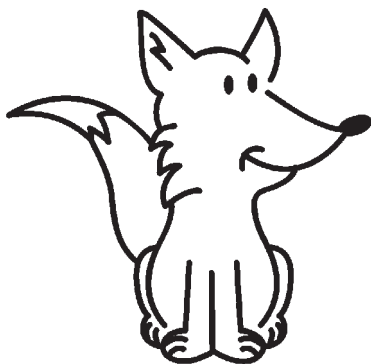
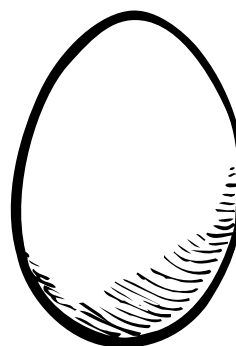
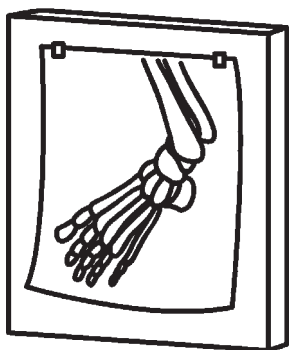
If time permits, play the game from Part 1 again.

X

x



x-ray



box

ax

six

fix

tax

fox

wax

fax

Max

mix

ox

yam

yes

quit

egg

van



X

X

X

X

x

a

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but

get

have

I

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jump

no

on

over

play

put

red



said

with

you

ever

mittens

seen

exit

cabin

INSTRUCTIONS: Ask the child to practice reading the words and phrases below before reading the book.

1 New words	Tex • Max • fox • exit • fax box • mix • sax • tux • wax
2 Reviewed words	log • cut • jam • pot yaks • bog
3 New h-f words	six
4 Reviewed h-f words	said • and • with • have over • play • no • I • jump put • you
5 Phrases	in a tux wax in a box fax to Max
6 Sentences	Tex will fax the box to Max. The fox got wax on his tux.

INSTRUCTIONS: Have the child help the fox find his box by following the letter xs through the maze.

Xx

